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John was presiding Elder there until the ward was organized, and Al Murdock was made bishop and John chosen as his first counselor, Later, Victor Billings was bishop and John was a counselor to him.

While they lived in Duchesne they experienced the vicissitudes of pioneering. There were eight of them living in two small rooms. They had to carry their water from the river and in the summer it was always muddy, and in winter it was necessary to break the ice to obtain it. Sickness and death also visited their home, losing a set of twins while there. One of their children lay near death's door with typhold fever for thirteen weeks. They also experienced all the childhood diseases with their family. During one of the many windstorms they lost the roof of their home.

After Emma's stepmother's death her father waited them to return to Heber and work for him in his coal and lumber business, which later they owned and operated many years.

On the 29th day of October, 1916, John was ordained a Patriarch of Wasatch Stake and served in this position until his death.

Other positions he held were mayor of Heber City, county commissioner, and president of the school board.

Emma worked in the Stake Relief Society as secretary, a position she held nine years. She was a counselor to Maybell Moulton in the Second Ward Relief Society and later served as president.

Emma and her sister Eliza had the pleasure of going to Mesa to the dedication of the Mesa Temple, and also visited with their sisters living there.

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Numerous activities have been carried on by the group, including fund raising events to help girls of the community gain business education, conducting annual graduation teas at Wasatch High School as well as school oratory and music contests. The chapter established Wasatch County's Memorial Hill and has conducted memorial service programs at the site. They have also staged barbeques at the annual Wasatch County Stock Shows. The pits always being fired and meat barbecued by the Heber Valley Firemen, serving as many as 2,000 persons at one of the shows. Gifts have been presented to Wasatch County Library, and the group provided many services during World War II to servicemen or their families. Members of the club who have held offices in the state organization have included Lula Clegg, Edna Montgomery, Ruby Duke and Miranda Smith.

One of the community's most active service groups is the Heber Lions Club which received its charter from Lions International on December 10. 1928. The charter members included Ralph E. Strub, the first president. John M. Turner, William L. Anderson, John A. Anderson, Walter H. Seiter, Dr. H. R. Read, Earl M. Hardy, Earl H. Smith, Earl Tilson, Jesse L. Hiatt, Jack A. Jensen, A. W. Chenney, Joseph A Rasband, Emer W. Murdock, Owen F. Buell, Laban Hylton, Dr. B. A. Dannenberg, Wilson Dean, G. W. Baker and George B. Stanley. Owen F. Buell was the first secretary and retained the position for 10 years.

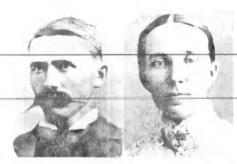
Presidents of the club after Mr. Strub have been, in order of their service, Jesse L. Hiatt. Earl M. Hardy, John A. Anderson, Ralph F. Nilsson, Storm McDonald, John M. Turner, Joseph Hylton, Lowe Ashton Sr., Riley C. Draper, Clyde Broadbent, Dr. Karl O. Nielson, Heber M. Rasband, Ralph Stringham, L. C. Montgomery, Lloyd J. Wettencamp, Harold H. Smith, Andrew J. Mohr, Wesley Walton, Andrew McConkie, Edson Packer, George Strebel, Raymond Jiacoletti, Lloyd Lawton, L. A.

JOSEPH AND JANE CLYDE HATCH

Joseph Hatch was born July 26, 1854, in Lehi, son of Abram and Permelia Jane Lott Hatch. He married Jane Clyde, daughter of George W. and Jane Clyde, on August 16, 1875, in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City. She died October 28, 1908, and he married Madie Hyde Sears in May, 1910, He died in May of 1933.

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Joseph Hatch was one of Heber City's leading businessmen for more than 50 years. He was only a boy of 13 when he came with his father from Lehi to make a new home in Provo Valley. He drove the family livestock from Lehi to Heber, a threeday task. He finished his early education in Heber and then attended the old Morgan Business College in Salt Lake City. where he graduated in business. Returning to Heber, he helped his mother in their store, and through his efforts built up the business. A. Hatch & Co., to one of Heber's leading businesses. When his father died, in 1912, the business was reorganized and Joseph opened a coal yard and warehouse and worked in the wholesale business. He was also interested in mining. farming, stock raising, irrigation and politics. He always encouraged young people to seek an education. Fond of small children, he always had candy, a penny of something for all the children he met. Jane Clyde Hatch came to Heber in 1860 with her mother and family from Springville. She was an excellent seamstress and cook, and had a lovely singing voice. She was known as a splendid homemaker and always kept her home in order and her children neat and clean. She did much charity work and helped others in time of trouble. A good manager, she found the time necessary to do the things she desired to do. After her death, in 1908, Joseph Hatch married Madie Hyde Sears, a widow of some years. She moved to Heber and made her home in the valley until Mr. Hatch's death, in 1933. After that she lived with her two daughters. Hazel and Sally, in Los Angeles, but made frement visits to Heber, where she was well known and respected. She died April 25,

Children of Joseph and Jane Clyde Hatch:

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